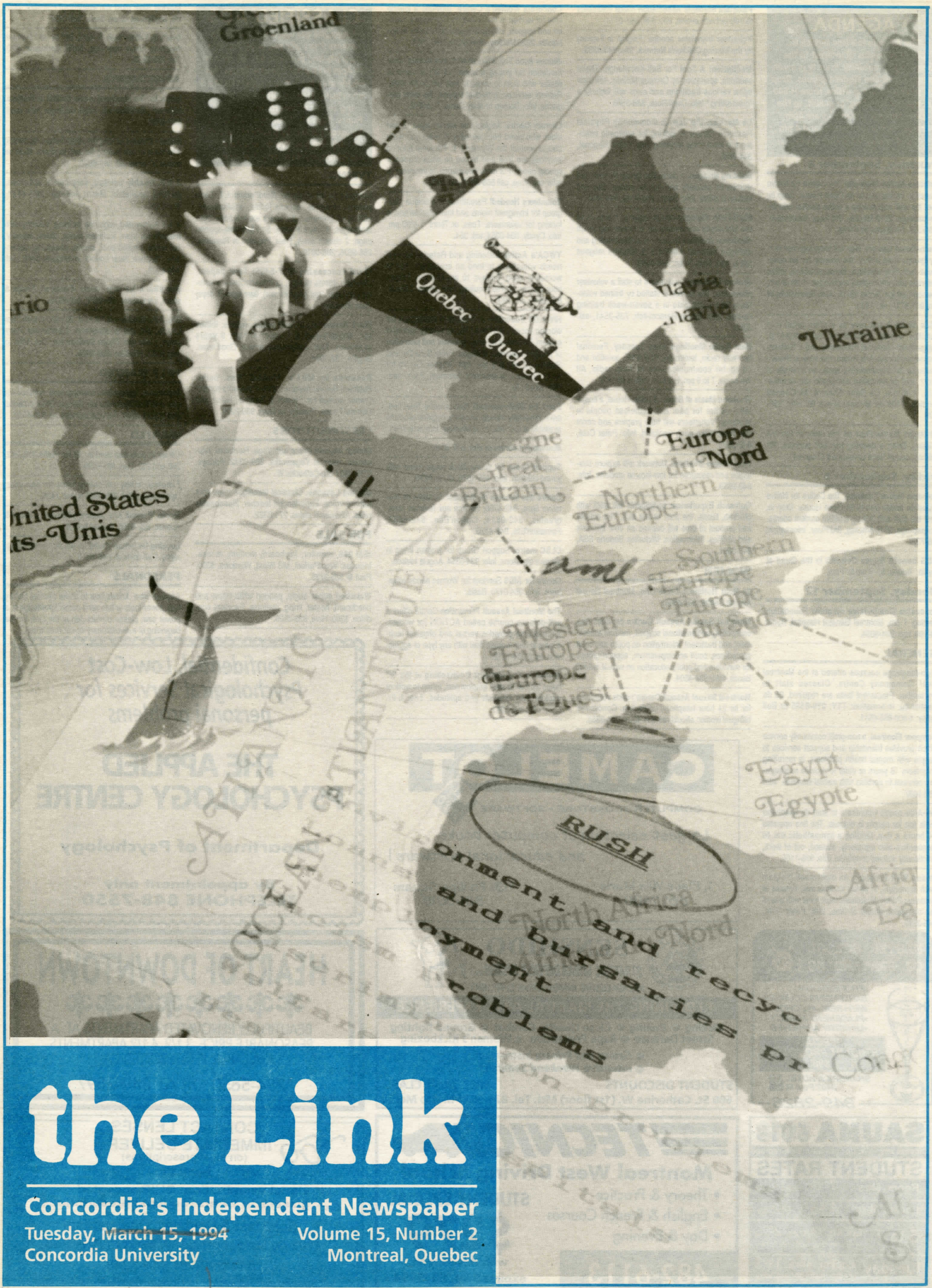

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AGENDA

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Thursday, September 8

Welcome Native Students! The Centre for Native Education invites you to its Open House. Drop in, meet the staff and pick up a native student orientation package. 2110 Mackay, 3rd Floor. Information: 848-7327. Continues on Friday.

International Literacy Day will bring together literacy groups from across the country for an open-house including displays, demonstrations, video materials and information exchanges. 1:30–9 pm, Dawson College, Room 5B-16, 3040 Sherbrooke W Info: 931-8731, ext. 1413.

Slide Show & Lecture by visiting artist Ann Hamilton, winner of the MacArthur Fellowship, Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Arts Award. Her work is characterized by its overwhelming scale, an intensity of labour, and an evocative and poetic use of materials. 7:30 pm, De Séve Theatre, McConnell Building, 1400 de Maisonneueve W. Info: 286-0776.

All Night Movie-Fest on the lawn of the VA Building. Bring a sleeping bag and popcorn. VA Building, corner Réné Lévesque & Crescent.

Friday, September 9

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AIDS Benefit Super Concert in the Quad at Loyola. Tickets, $7. 7 pm to 1 am.

Monday, September 12

Obsessive Compulsive disorder Foundation Meeting. 7 pm, Montreal General Hospital, Room D6-190. Info: 934-8034.

GENERAL

Sign-language courses offered at the Montreal Deaf Community Centre. Classes start in September. Placement tests are required. 65 de Castlenau. Information: TTY: 279-8535 or Bell Relay: 1-800-855-0511.

Compeer Montreal, a non-profit community service which provides friendship and support services to people with mental health problems, is recruiting volunteers 18 years or older to provide re-integration services to persons with mental illnesses. Info: 489-1007.

Tel-Aide needs volunteers to staff its telephone crisis line for people in distress. The line operates 24 hours a day, lending a sympathetic ear to Montrealers who are lonely, abused, out of work, emotionally scarred or suicidal. Info: 935-1105.

Prison Visit Program: An eight-week program each semesters, in which students visit inmates at Bordeaux Prison. Volunteers must meet with one of the chaplains ahead of time. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3590.

Pakistani Students Association needs volunteers to help out with events. Info: Adil, 287-0774.

Volunteer translator needed (English to French) by the Missing Children's Network. Info: 843-4333.

Meditation: A Tool For Self-Knowledge. These sessions, sponsored by Campus Ministry, will draw upon various traditions and each will include a "quiet sitting." Info: Daryl Ross, 848-3585.

Le Mercaz, the Jewish Community Physical Resource Centre, is looking for energetic volunteers to learn about recycling. Info: Wilma Magonet, 344-8845.

Building Bridges: a discussion group for men and women on sexuality and gender issues. Gay and lesbian positive. Info: Daryl Lynn Ross, 848-3585.

Multi-Faith dialogue brings together members of the University community for a *brown-bag* lunch discussion designed to promote understanding and dialogue between members of different religous faiths. Info: Matti Terho, 848-3590.

Shalom Line needs volunteers to staff a volunteer phone line. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who participate in a seven-week training course. Info: Susan Herscovitch, 735-3541, ext. 3380.

Ham Radio Meetings every Tuesday. Personal two-way radio, television, UHF/VHF, satellite and computer communications by ham radio. All Welcome. 7 to 9 pm, H-644-1. Info: 848-7474.

Weekend Meals at Benedict Labre House, a hospitality centre for poor and homeless people in Montreal. Volunteers will help prepare and serve one meal there each weekend. Info: Peter Coté, 848-3586.

Low-income Students Network will explore strategies and resources for low-income students. Info: 848-2859.

Outreach Experience: participants will work with children, teens, the poor or the sick. The activity and amount of time will depend on your interests and abilities. Information: Michelina Bertone SSA, 848-3691.

WOMEN

24 Hour Hotline & Crisis Line, Montreal Sexual Assault Centre, 934-4504.

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre provides free counselling and emotional support, medical assessment and treatment, information on police and court procedures, court accompaniment, support groups for survivors and public education on sexual assault issues. Info: 934-4504.

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CLSC metro: Support Group for women living in abusive situations. Info: 934-0354, Angela Idelson.

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Crackdown on Unhealthy Fine Arts Building

"The building is slowly poisoning us" -technician

by Jennifer Ditchburn

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Michel Pelletier says students have fainted in this stuffy editing room

Itchy eyes, nausea, headaches, dizziness, drowsiness—these are symptoms the VA building staff and students have complained about for years. This summer Concordia University was formally told to clean-up its act.

The provincial commission on health and safety at the workplace (CSST) has found 19 deviations of air quality norms in the Visual Arts building, on the corner of René-Lévesque and Crescent. The VA building currently houses the faculty of fine arts, including cinema and graphic design.

Michel Pelletier, a technician in the Cinema department and a member of the Air Quality Taskforce, says he realized there were problems only one week after the building was opened in 1980.

"The problem grew-up slowly, as more and more technical processes in fine arts were added to the building, such as sandblasting," Pelletier said. "They treat the building like it holds a school, but it's really more like a factory."

Pelletier and other faculty and staff drew-up petitions in the mid-eighties, and circulated several complaints about the conditions to the Concordia office of environmental health and safety. Finally, in April, a group of staff, faculty and students contacted the CSST. Earlier in the school year cinema professor Louise Lamarre was taken to a local hospital after fainting, and professor Marilu Mallet experienced problems working for long periods of time in the building.

In June, the CSST issued its findings, using several university documents.

In a 13-page report, inspector Michel Lesage outlined the problems in the building, mainly dealing with air quality. A majority of the problems cited by the CSST report originate in the basement area, where most cinema classes and offices are located.

Some of the trouble areas include:

-exhausted air from the building is being recirculated through the fresh air intakes on the roof

-snow can block some of the fresh air intake grills

-some rooms in the basement have abnormally low humidity levels

-some ventilation systems are inadequate for the types of work being performed

-some windows cannot be opened

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Who speaks for the students?

by Tim Pryor

Never before has the future of education in Quebec been so uncertain, with bankrupted universities, rising tuition costs, insufficient job opportunities for graduates, and insufficient access to institutions of higher learning. But little has been said about education during the electoral campaign.

Education's social issues are getting lost in all the talk of separation and the economy, says Heidi Modro. A founder of Concordia's Tuition Fees Taskforce of 1990, which protested the doubling of tuition fees that year, she thinks that the major political parties do not operate in the interests of students.

"I don't think either party has any legitimacy. You have two right-wing bourgeois parties that offer nothing to students," she said.

Modro added that governments should be concentrating their efforts on more important issues, such as access to universities.

"Quebec has extraordinarily low access to higher education. It's important to increase that access. For example, single mothers need improved access, and that involves day care and a better bursary system."

Call for a corporate tax

While silent on education issues during the leaders debate and on the campaign trail, the parties claim that education is one of their priorities.

The Parti Québecois plans on raising much needed funds by levying a 1% tax from corporations, says François Normandin, a candidate in the D'Arcy McGee riding.

"We should decree a corporate tax. We're one of the worst [provinces] in that regard. In the U.S., corporations provide about 60% of [educational] financing," says Normandin, himself a Masters student at UQAM.

Modro agrees that big business does not bear enough of the burden of educational costs.

"Universities have become merely a big training ground for big corporations, and they're not paying for it. They should be taxed more," she said.

However, Modro thinks the 1% tax proposed by the PQ is "too little, too late."

Research and Development

Christian Va Serres, of the fledgling Action Démocratique du Québec party says that the province's financial decisions affect students' well-being.

"We have 20 times more public sector workers than in some places in Europe. It's money [lost to] bureaucracy that should be spent on services to students," said Va Serres, who is running in the Outremont riding.

He also stresses the importance of funding research and development in order to create high paying jobs for new graduates.

"We need to invest in research and development. Our R & D budget is so low that an increase of 2%, such as the Liberals are proposing, is a joke. R & D is a major step in providing long lasting jobs for students," said Va Serres.

"If we cut our deficit, graduates can get a better job. The more we wait, the more we have to cut. The PQ promises more jobs, says it will invest massively, but at the same time is going to cut the deficit. It's a miracle cure. It's just not going to happen," he added.

Limited access to English schools

The Parti Québecois continues to come under fire for restricting immigrant and Canadian access to English schools. If elected they

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Mohawks refuse to vote in election

by Jennifer Dales

While Quebeckers are busy voting on September 12, the Mohawk community of Kahnawake will remain at home and boycott the provincial elections.

The government-funded Mohawk Council of Kahnawake refused to allow the presence of an enumeration office in the community.

Lindsay Leborgne, one of the council's 12 chiefs, said that although Kahnawake residents are free to vote, Mohawks "don't get involved with outside governments."

While Quebeckers have been given opportunities to decide on their sovereignty, the same rights have not been accorded to the Mohawks. Although they see themselves as a nation, their self-determination has not yet been recognized.

"Sovereignty is the ability to choose your own system of government, your own economy and to take care of your own people. We've been working towards sovereignty for 200 years," said Joe Deom, an engineer and a member of Kahnawake's traditionalist Longhouse.

Kenneth Deer, the editor of the Kahnawake-based newspaper the Eastern Door, is not afraid to draw a parallel between Quebec sovereignty and the sovereignty of other nations.

"If Quebeckers refuse the right of self-determination to others, they will have a problem rationalizing their [own] right to self-determination in the international community," Deer said.

Mohawks meanwhile, are not looking forward to a PQ victory, as it might mean the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada.

Deom thinks a PQ victory "will cause another wave of anti-Indian sentiment. It certainly would raise the level of suspicion and mistrust."

The Mohawks are wary of dealing with the Quebec government, especially after the Oka Crisis of 1990, sparked by the Quebec Police Force's invasion of the Kahnesatake community. The Mohawks had barricaded a road to prevent the further expansion of a local golf course into their territory.

"I don't know if we would be better off [in a sovereign Quebec] after the Oka Crisis and with the attitude of the police union saying they should send the army into Oka three months ago," Deer said.

Deom says that it will probably not be possible to negotiate with Quebec on a nation to nation basis.

"There is always the possibility for understanding. We've always been open to dialogue on an equal basis," he said. "But they won't look at us as equals. They'll always consider us as citizens of Quebec."

Martin Loft, of the Kahnawake Cultural Centre is confident in the Mohawk ability to endure.

"We were here 300 years ago when the British took over, and we'll be here if Quebec separates," said Loft.

Briefly...

Problem Diffused on Bishop

A "suspicious-looking briefcase" spotted in an alley next to Concordia was quickly disposed of by Montreal's bomb squad on August 26. Bishop street between Sherbrooke and deMaisonneuve was closed off, while police blew up the briefcase. No explosive device was found.

Support Staff Union and University reach compromise

After almost a year of negotiations and protests, the Concordia University Support Staff Union (CUSSU) has ratified a contract with the university. Members agreed to accept the mid-point of the university's salary scale for support staff as their new maximum point. Salary was the main area of contention for the union, but members made the compromise in favour of other concessions such as increased vacation time, possibilities for study leave, and a stronger harassment policy.

Kenniff Assistant to be Relocated

The university did an about-face last month when they relocated Maureen Habib, an executive assistant to ex-rector Patrick Kenniff. Habib, who has worked within the university for 20 years, lost her job in the rector's office after Kenniff was dismissed in May. However, another assistant to the rector, Hugh Brodie, was immediately relocated following Kenniff's departure. Faculty and student representatives at the June 17th Senate meeting criticized the administration for not working to find other employment for Habib, and having a double standard in regards to job security of male and female employees.

Habib will now be working in the office of the vice-rector Institutional Affairs and Finance as Employment Equity coordinator.

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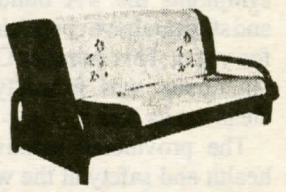

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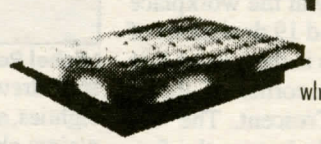

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Plus que ça change...

Is anybody else getting a deja-vu feeling? Over the last two decades, Quebeckers have watched the Liberals and the Parti Québecois trade blows, and pass control of the province back and forth. This year, the main election issue, just as it was 18 years ago, is sovereignty.

by Adam Emery

What now?

The birth of the Parti Quebecois

In November 1976, Bourassa's allegedly corrupt and stale government was booted out in favour of René Lévesque and his Parti Québecois. This was a stunning victory attributed to a softer approach to separatism. Instead of separatism, the Péquistes stood for Etapisme, a step-by-step approach to independence. Lévesque's separatist movement was further softened by the term sovereignty-association. Lévesque made sure that Quebeckers understood that a vote for the PQ meant only that there would be a referendum on the sovereignty-association question, not the beginning of the process of separation. With such a diluted separatist platform, Lévesque and the Péquistes garnered 41 percent of the popular vote and three quarters of the seats.

The PQ victory stunned the rest of Canada. Prime Minister Trudeau was forced to admit that Canada faced a grave crisis that could be solved through constitutional reforms. He believed that it was "possible to be at once and the same time a good Canadian and a good Quebecker."

With the popular Trudeau at the helm, Canadians were optimistic that Quebec could be brought back into the fold through bold and innovative reform. Even Lévesque began talking about building "a true confederation."

Unfortunately, Trudeau's 1978 reform package was neither bold nor innovative. Historian Robert Bothwell described it as "a badly written and worse-conceived potpourri of senate reform and supreme court fiddlings."

The referendum on sovereignty-association

On the heels of Trudeau's attempt to appease Quebec, Lévesque decided that it was time for the promised referendum. The referendum question asked if Quebeckers wished to accord a mandate to the provincial government to begin discussions on sovereignty-association with the federal government. A poor economy and frustration with Trudeau pointed to an easy YES vote.

But Trudeau was able to turn the separatist tide with a promise that voting NO to sovereignty did not mean support for the status quo. Once again, constitutional changes were promised, and on May 20, 1980, 60 percent of the electorate rejected sovereignty-association.

With new promises for constitutional reform, Trudeau announced his intention of repatriating the British North America Act unilaterally. He proposed that the amending formula of the constitution and the charter of rights be subject to revision at future conferences.

This unilateral move gave the PQ renewed strength. Their main theme in the April 1981 election campaign was the defense of Quebec. Lévesque was returned to office with a mandate to oppose Trudeau.

The 1982 constitution emphasized the deep entrenchment of English and French minority rights. Lévesque saw this as a direct challenge to Bill 101 and withheld consent. (Bill 101 banned English from most government proceedings, and from businesses of fifty or more employees. It also restricted access to English language schools, allowing only Anglo-Quebeckers to attend.)

Quebeckers balk at constitution reforms

The failure to bring Quebec into the constitution marked Trudeau's exit from the political scene. By 1985, Brian Mulroney was in charge and the PQ were on the way out. René Lévesque was on his way to retirement, and his party was declining in popularity after an eight year run.

During his mandate, Mulroney tried to bring Quebec back into the constitutional fold, with the help of Robert Bourassa, reelected in 1986. Yet, both the Meech Lake Accord and the Chalottetown Accord crumbled, bringing Quebec politics back to where they were in 1976 with the Liberals opposing the PQ on sovereignty-association.

Even though Quebec politics appear to be back at square one, political analysts have not tired of their commentative game.

Neil Cameron, the Equality Party MNA for the Jacques-Cartier riding and former professor at John Abbot College, believes that there are differences between the major players of today and those of 1976.

"Bourassa could sound like a federalist one moment and a separatist the next," said Cameron. "Johnson , on the other hand, wants it to be clear that this is a separatist/federalist issue. The Liberals have shed their character of being a coalition of nationalists and federalists."

Daniel Salee, a professor in political science at Concordia, also feels that this election is different.

"Lévesque was a bit wishy-washy," said Salee. "Parizeau is very serious.— he is a staunch separatist."

While the possibility of separation continues to loom on the horizon, Salee believes that the electorate will have the final word.

"Parizeau is making à great deal about sovereignty," said Salee. "But, if the people aren't interested it won't fly. It is always about a 40-60 split against sovereignty — except briefly after Meech Lake failed. Parizeau may promise not to abandon sovereignty, but it won't work without support."

Kimon Valaskakis, a political science professor at UQAM, says feelings on separation are cyclical.

"Over the last 20 years, there seems to be a high nationalist fervor at some points and it is low at others," he said "It operates in a five year cycle — the last peak was at Meech Lake."

Cameron, on the other hand, warns that the embers of separatist sentiment can be fanned into flames by a PQ government.

"If the PQ wins, which seems likely, and they lose the referendum, then they run out of things to do," he said. "They will do everything in their power to sway public sentiment. When you get control of the state, you can put an awful lot of pressure on the electorate."

Salee agrees. "If the PQ wins, they will create a situation that will alienate the rest of Canada. Essentially, they will try to build the same momentum as after the Meech Lake debacle — the rest of Canada will retaliate and the PQ will point to this as a reason to separate," said Salee.

Vague meaning of sovereignty

Valaskakis does not believe that a PQ government will ultimately gain independence for Quebec.

"This is just another round of the same old debate," he said. "If the YES vote wins, it is a yes to a very obscure question. If the PQ wins, it's the beginning of the negotiations, not the end — it could take months or years which may end in nothing."

Cameron thinks that the worst thing for the PQ would be to win the referendum.

"The reality is if they win a referendum, I just can't think it will mean anything," he said "They should keep on getting as many goodies as they can from Ottawa and carry on the fight indefinitely."

Call for change of government

Cameron also stressed that the PQ's lead in the polls does not necessarily point to public support of sovereignty.

"They are not voting for Parizeau so much as their local candidates," he said. "Many of them seem to be more able than their Liberal counterparts. They're winning because the economy of Quebec is in terrible shape."

Salee also believes that it makes sense for Quebeckers to vote for the PQ and against sovereignty.

"The Liberals have been showing signs of fatigue," he said. "Every eight to ten years we change governments. In the psyche of the people, we will give the PQ a chance and deal with sovereignty when the time comes.

Cameron still holds out some hope for Johnson's Liberals.

"Parizeau's seriousness about separation may just win Johnson the election," he said. "At the last moment, the voter may ask himself — God, do we really want to do this? — and check off the Liberal box instead."

However this debate turns out, Valaskakis is convinced that this debate is no closer to a resolution than it was in '76.

"La plus ca change, la plus c'est la meme chose," he said.

Fine Arts Building crackdown (cont'd)

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in the building to get fresh air -other windows open onto a bus stop area with lots of exhaust fumes

Susan Magor, director of environmental health and safety, says nothing in the CSST report is news to her. She says when the building was first built on the site of the Midtown motors car dealership in the late 70s, not much was known about proper ventilation of art areas, and proper guidelines and regulations where not in place.

"Basically what we have is industrial-type activities going on in a building suited for classes," Magor said.

Magor's office has been testing and evaluating the VA building for several years, particularly after it hired industrial hygienist Karen Ward, but could only pass recommendations on to the administration. University-wide surveys conducted through the office have shown that a substantial number of complaints are on the condition of the VA building.

"We need to come up with a system of prioritization. Often at Concordia there's a lot of jostling for priority and the squeaky wheel gets the oil," Magor added. "...I'm not surprised that the CSST was contacted, with the length of time things were taking and the level of frustration."

Alice Cantine, president of the Fine Arts Students Association, says she wants the problems to be dealt with, but not at the expense of student workspace and services.

"Concordia offers such openness towards student explorations of work, but on the other hand the conditions are quite hazardous," Cantine said. "I wonder sometimes what the administration sees as a priority."

The new dean of fine arts, Christopher Jackson, acted quickly to the CSST instructions, relocating some basement cinema classes and arranging for staff and faculty to move upstairs.

"It's been going on for a while, and it became clear the health affects people were having were too serious. I can't accept that," Jackson said.

But Cinema student and chair of the Filmmaking Student's Association, Erik Paulsson said some students will still end up spending lots of time in the basement.

"Editing rooms are staying in the basement and that's a drag because you have to spend so many hours there—they're open 24-hours a day," Paulsson said. "They ask you to sign up for four-hour blocks, and any longer than that is at your own risk."

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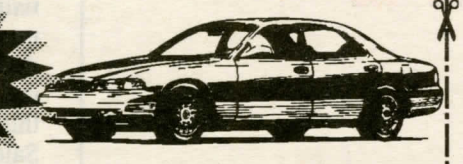

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Francois Normandin Parti Quebecois/ D'arcy McGee

Normandin is only 25 years old, and is completing a masters program in history at UQAM.

1•We would like to see the creation of an environmental tribunal to advance lawmaking in this new area.

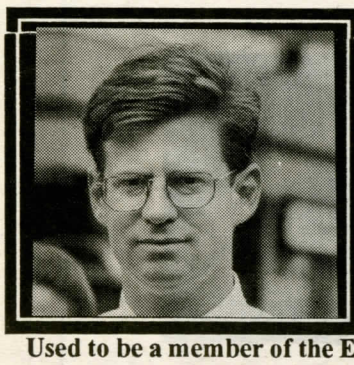
I think Hydro Quebec has taken a good new approach by promoting energy conservation.

2•We must recognize equal pay in Quebec. It should be up to employers, bound by the charter, to make the first steps towards equal pay, instead of women always having to bring forth complaints first.

3•This subject is not on our agenda, but the PQ has always been socially avant-garde. Personally, I think this is a normal way of life, but mentalities are slow to change.

4•We've seen that the present government is inspired by neo-Thatcher-Reaganite politics. We want to give all the opportunity possible to the least fortunate people and keep a universal character to our resources. We want to approach things on a local level rather than do everything through Quebec city by bureaucrats.

•In the first place we would eliminate discriminatory practices in social assistance.



Robert Libman Independent/ D'arcy McGee

Used to be a member of the Equality Party. The major reason for leaving was the Charlottown Accord which, to him, created the beginning of the end. The Equality is trying to split the vote with the Liberals, which he says will help the PQ. He doesn't want that to happen.

1•I am one who tries to find the fine line between making sure we respect the environment while not putting a straightjacket on industry...the costs of helping the environment are often blown out of proportion.

2•The government fails to adress issues such as shelters for battered women, single parents below the poverty line. They get neglected. Particularily the question of daycare...one of the most important to promote because of the concern to balance time with children and work. Daycare reaps rewards in the long run.

3•I am in favour of spousal benefits. I could ask what was the follow-up in the Human Rights report. It is a question which could be raised, the government could be put on the spot to respond in question period.

5•I've discovered the best way is when in opposition...mobilising opposition to provoke issues.

John Ciaccia Liberal/ Mount Royal Transportation Minister

1•Quebec is one of the largest consumers of energy due to its large industry. I am not prepared to reduce the number of jobs for the sake of energy conservation. We have the cleanest fuel in the world, hydro-electric power.

The Liberals have a very good record in terms of recycling. We forced American beer companies to recycle a certain percentage of their cans.

The Liberals have always promoted the use of public transportation.

2•The Liberal government has increased subsidization and funding for daycare. We have put as much money as we can into it.

The Liberals have supported employment equity.

3•No. I think the Quebec Charter of Rights is pretty clear. I respect it.

4•The Liberals tried to eliminate abuses in the system. We are negotiating with Ottawa over the possibility of having the provincial level of government handle training programs.

Five most uncommonly discussed topics

1•The Environment
2•Women's Issues
3•Same-Sex couples
4•Social Issues
5•Minority Status in the National Assembly

Q&A

Nathan Ganz Equality/Mont Royal

Platform is to restore civil liberties and remove restrictions on english language.

1•I'm against the Great Whale project. It's a big gamble...it's set up to make a lot of peiple rich. There's a new form of energy: natural gas.

Hydro spends left and right...I'm not one of the supporters even though I'm an engineer.

3•What a person does in his private life is no concern of mine. I've never given the subject any thought...there are pro's and con's...the human being should be free to do what he wants as long as he doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

4•These guys (gov't) are spending like a drunken sailor. Unless you do away with patronage and mismanagement you're not going to get money...it doesn't fall from the sky.

5•The equality party is a party of volunteers. If you elect a backbencher they get kicked out of the party if they don't agree with policies.

Magda Greiss Parti Quebecois/Mont Royal

She is 50 years old, and is a Chartered General Accountant. She is also the treasurer for the National Women's Political Action Committee of the PQ.

1.•We would like to impose a minimum amount of material which must be recycled in the different sectors. This would be an incitive measure.

•We would like to encourage composting and the use of alternative technologies, as well as support the concept of 'Polluters as Payers...With the Great Whale project we would see if it's really necessary. We would look at the impact on the environment and on indigenous communities.

2.•We would like equal pay to be entrenched in law, and we would like to incite companies to offer equal opportunities, perhaps through a publicity campaign.

•Under a PQ government womens groups would have our direct support.

3.•The Parti Quebecois wants a non-discriminatory government, thus we would like to see gays have the same rights as every other Quebecker.

4.•We will manage finances much better than is the case now. We're just penalizing the least fortunate people now.

•We would like to work closely with community groups because they're closest to the people.

•The first thing a PQ government would do is eliminate the $104 cut to people on welfare that live together.

François Dagenais Parti Quebecois/ Westmount-St. Louis

Dagenais is 48 years old, and is a tourism and hotel management counsellor. He also speaks Spanish.

1•In the PQ itself there's a green-ecology arm. Every party should have an ecological section and not just have some green group support them during an election campaign. All the municipalities and regions will have the chance to really get involved with the environment.

2•(Daycare)The 8000 new places in daycare promised by the PQ aren't promises à la Mulroney. This is an essential need, not only for women, but men too.

Pay equity will happen on a legislative level, and also within businesses themselves...Mr. Parizeau wants to create a system whereby companies devote one per cent of their budget to training...not only equal pay but also equal opportunity.

3•It's at the basis of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights: the right of association, the right to live under the same roof...it's evident that homosexual couples have the right to certain considerations and the right to live together...We can't just keep brushing these problems under the carpet. We have to attack head-on. Wherever there's a human problem, it's solvealbe. Why ghettoize problems?

4•If people have access to the job market, without dealing with cuts to their public assistance at the same time, they'll know they can work. If everyone can actively participate, automatically the revenue rate will increase and then it's evident cuts won't be in order...those who leave school should have the basic elements to prepare their future, and easy access to money to start a small business.

Michel Prairie Independent (Communist League)/Westmount St.Louis

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1•The problems are reflections of the capitalist system. Big companies don't think about the crisis to individuals.

3•We are against all kinds of descrimination wheather it be sexual orientation, skin, language, religion, gender, we are against it.

4•This system needs to be replaced. We have to fight the growth of the ruling classes...the crisis of capitalism. This could lead to war as it did in 1914, 1939.

Those who pretend to speak for the rights of the Quebecois propose nothing concrete to reduce the wage gap. We are

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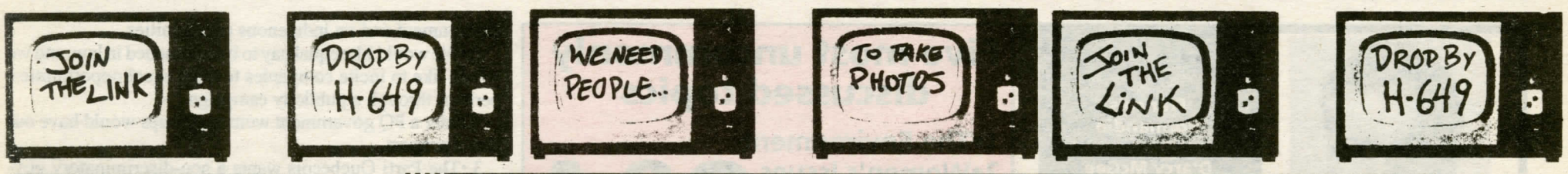

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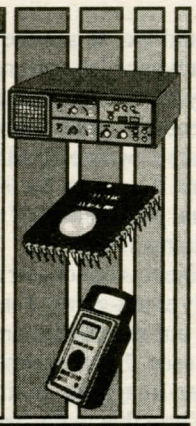

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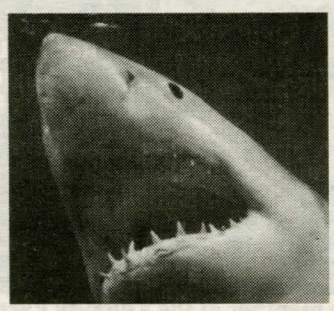

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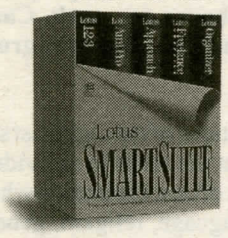

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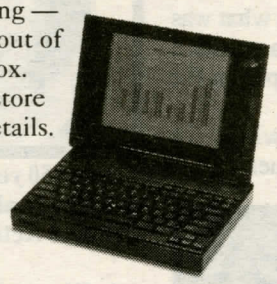

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5•We are not running because we think we will be elected. We need the support from workers. We think it would be better if there was a big working class party...politics is when we have a massive number of working people take to the street...as in Africa -smashed the appartied system.

Brent Tyler
Equality/Westmount St.Louis

Strong defender of English education.

1•We have to foster respect for the enviroment by educating people. There is only so much a law can do, we have to realize these limits, a law cannot enforce enlightenment. We have to teach kids in primary and secondary schools to learn habits to continue in their adult life. The less government, the better you are.

2•There is an obvious need for a woman to be obliged to work. (Daycare) Use the tax system we already have. Those who need it get it. Where individuals have the means to pay -no subsidy-. If bill can't be paid at end of year -then subsidize.

(Employment Equity) We have to give employers incentive. Smaller corporations cannot afford as much. Start with the big corporations...apply it provincially.

3•If you look at the Charter of Rights there is no legislation for spoousal benefits. The position of the Equality Party is that we believe in equal rights for all citizens in all legislation. Whether they be gay, black, or english, a true democracy.

5•This is looking more like a horse race. If the election is the same as the last time, we could conceivably form a minority government. The PQ is the real enemy, but if the think the liberals are going to do anything...we will be the concience of the National Assembly.

Allen Faguy
Natural Law/Westmount St. Louis

Says he belongs to the only party that offers scientifically validated programs. Wants to indtroduce programs based on the concept of group yogic flyers. Faguy said "we sent 3000 yogic flyers to Washington for two months, and, according to the stats, the crime rate went down more than twenty-five per cent and went back up when they left."

He proposes that within days you would see a dramatic change in Quebec reducing sickness and crime, which would save the government money, therefore eliminating the deficit.

1•The group of yogic flyers would bring a collective consciousness to society. It's an infinitely organising party.

2•(Daycare) We want women who wish to stay at home to be able to...we would encourage that. Mother is mother, nobody can replace mother for the nurturing years... those who want to work will have those services.

3•We do not believe in legislation of any sort of moral code. Any kind of legislation doesn't work.

We deman equality. The best way to do that is not through legislation. Transform the individual and you will transform the collective consciousness.

4•There would be money for those things with the elimination of the deficit. You're expecting answers through the old paradism. The solution is not on a material level. It's on a spiritual level. A government must provide education.

Denise Plamondon
Parti Quebecois/NDG

Plamondon is 51 years old, and has been a human resources specialist at Hydro Quebec since 1993.

1•The clean-up of the St.Lawrence could have been a fantastic way to create jobs—I don't understand this government, they don't have any ideas. The last PQ government had a program of municipal grants for water clean-up and that creates jobs in construction and development, as well as cleaning the water. Too bad Mr. Paradis didn't continue on the track.

2•We must work on equal pay with the companies. We must incite them to look at the problem.

In NDG there are many single women, single mothers, poor and immigrant women. How do you expect a black, immigrant woman who speaks only English to have a bright future in Quebec? I think women should have access to (government funded) French courses.

3•The PQ wants a certain number of rights to be recognized for homosexuals. We ask ourselves, what can we do to guarantee them a normal and decent life? But I can't guarantee that this legislation would be passed in Quebec.

4•Axworthy and his big social policy decides coast to coast that this is how things are going to be and the provinces have not say in it. This is abominable because it's the least fortunate people who end up paying for it...creating a serious climate for people to return to work.

They've (Liberals) made blind cuts. I think we should reformulate a workforce policy and retrain people.

Election '89 Breakdown

D'Arcy-McGee:
Equality Party won last election with 57% of vote.
Liberals: 36%
PQ: 3.1%
91.9% voted yes to the Charlottetown Accord Referendum.
French: 13.7%
English: 53.3%
French/English: 1.6%
Other: 31.4%

Mont Royal
Liberals won last election with 54.3% of vote.
Equality Party: 22.3%
PQ:15.5%
79% voted yes to Charlottetown Accord Referendum.
French: 29.4%
English: 27.1%
F/E: 1.7%
Other: 41.8%

Notre Dame de Grace
Equality Party won with 41.2% of the vote.
Liberals: 34.8%
PQ: 12.9%
78.2% voted yes to Charlottetown Accord Referendum.
French: 23.9%
English: 50.2%
F/E: 2.4%
Italian: 4.9%
Other: 18.6%

Westmount/St. Louis
Liberals won last election with 41% of vote.
Equality: 32.5%
PQ: 16.3%
75.8% voted yes to Charlottetown Accord Referendum.
French: 31%
English: 41.3%
F/E: 2.1%
Other: 25.6%

Keith Henderson
Equality/NDG

Believes that it is clear that the principle opposition is the Equality Party since the PQ and the Liberal Party have aligned.

1•The Equality Party is opposed to the Great Whale project. All such projects create unneeded power.

(Energy) We believe in going to natural gas. It's plentiful and available. Instead we're building dams.

2•One of the more diffecult areas of employment is affirmative action. I'm not opposed to equal work for equal pay...I wouldn't be prepared to accept an affirmative action program that accepts a woman over a man because the man might be better (suited for the job.)

(Daycare) We think that there is not enough money put into daycare. If we had a choice between tax deduction on interest on mortgages and daycare, we would go with daycare.

3•I have to say that the party has not adressed that particular issue...we have to be careful to study the balance between discrimination and society granting special priveleges.

4•(Welfare) We are opposed to Bill 37...there are a lot of elderly people who can't...but for young people we believe in a combination of work and welfare.

Gordon Atkinson
Independent/NDG

Used to be a member of the Equality. Now says that he didn't leave the Equality Party, they left him. He calls them right-wing rednecks with no sensitivity to the french.

-Strong on health issues.

1•We're throwing garbage in a great big pit. Nobody cares about the environment. We have factories pouring garbage into the river. Fifty years from now, we might suffocate in our own garbage. The environment is on a moving track. I support philosophies that move.

2•I have been in support of midwives pilot projects - started eight projects- for midwifery in native community. I denounced the college of physicians...there have been midwives for forty million years, it is not necessary to have doctors.

I championed the cause of meme breast implants. I was the only one to take up that cause...the government has not responded.

3•I don't condemn same-sex couples...that's not a priority of mine. I will listen and participate in the debate. I wouldn't bring it up. I would much rather bring up equal pay. Don't ask me, I have other priorities. Hunger and affordable housing is much more of a concern to me.

5•People don't understand what an independent can do. As an independent I have right to speak on any commitee...Nothing scares me.

Russel Copeman
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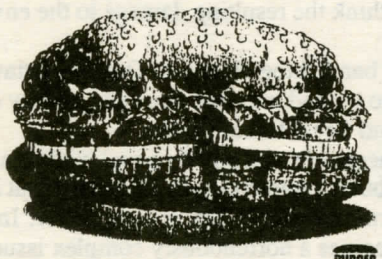

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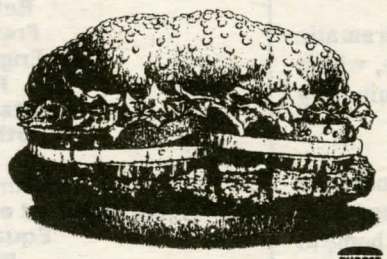

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Luscious Jackson puts a glide in yo stride

by Jon Richler

Natural Ingredients is the follow up to **Luscious Jackson**'s EP, *In Search Of Manny*, and many of their fans caught almost all of it during their second stage set at Lollapalooza, where they jammed, danced, and even dragged fans up on stage to display to all just what those crazy kids can do with their bodies when you throw them the funky *Bam-Bam* beat.

The New York band is comprised of four women, who all take part in the creative process. Kate on drums, Vivian on keyboards, and Jill and Gabby on Fender Mustangs, bass and guitar respectively. Part of their success can be attributed to their distinctive voices. Jill and Gabby share the vocal duties, while Vivian harmonizes. Jill cruises the comfortable pitches in a non-offensive high range, and Gabby swoops low in her husky, sci-fi movie villainess voice. A new addition is a DJ from Sheffield, England who's handle on acid jazz made him a necessary addition to LJ, for his sedative jazz and hip-hop sound is, well, luscious.

Before the Palooza show, Jill and I talked about the new album and the summer tour. The fresh thing about it is how much more diverse it is from *Manny*. The funk riffs, acoustic guitars, and Schooly D samples are shelved, and ominous bass beats, meringue, disco, straight up acid jazz, and cow bells going rank.

Natural Ingredients is pertinent on the first listen, and you can still absorb it all without the hassle of being shouted at by your favorite racist rapper troupe: feminism all the way. A strong perspective of city life, love, and weak men. I see it as empowerment. Jill explained further.

"That's what it's mostly about, yes. It's about us finding our voice in ourselves, and using it in the right way. It's not meant to be threatening."

But it sort of is. In *Find Your Mind*, Jill and Gabby define themselves as the friendly neighborhood psychopath, the cold reminder of defeat. The two songs that really nudge you behind the eyeballs are *Strongman*, and *Energy Sucker*. The first lays out a credo that can't be looked over: "*It takes a strong man to stand by a strong woman*".

"This song is meant for everyone. We're tired of weak men, and I'm sure some men are tired of weak women. This also goes for same sex relationships. One of our members said so herself. The best moments come out of strong personalities."

Energy Sucker is a slow-jam, drum dominated track that deals with those people who are so weak, they drag you down. Full of empowerment, Jill lectures, "*I'm a goddess, not your mother*".

Something occurred to me as I previewed the cassette. The tonality of Jill's voice sometimes hinted at an authoritative standpoint. If Jill could be anything else besides a musician, what would it be?

"A teacher." Bingo.

"Both Vivian and myself were teachers before the band started. It's a rewarding job. We taught young children. It gives you a perspective into the learning process."

It seems the new DJ addition is also a learning process. They found him in a club in Sheffield, spinning away. Jill and co. were so impressed by his....panache, that they asked him to join their merry band. Since then, they've all experienced underground music like never before.

"It's a full time job being a DJ. Not too many people appreciate that. You gotta make sure your on the up and up all the time, investing and digging up records in obscure places. He makes me tapes, and each one is different and fresh. Before each show, he prepares the crowd with beats and tunes that set the mood."

Hey! This picture is not too recent, but the security guys stole our Lolla roll.....

It was a little unfortunate that the sound guy didn't bring up his levels enough. But, that was the only problem I found with the sound, and I scrutinize pretty hard. Up to that point, the tour with Lollapalooza had been going great. Turnout was solid each day, and this with only the EP out. During the Montreal set, I wondered how many of these people actually knew Luscious Jackson, because it certainly isn't music to mosh to, or crowd surf. Call me crazy, but this was one set I felt I could experience without putting on my metal neck shield. I was wrong. Oh well, one can't blame people for having a good time by paying $40 to kick heads and not watch a show.

Female Testimony Backbone of Human Rights Film

by Jennifer Ditchburn

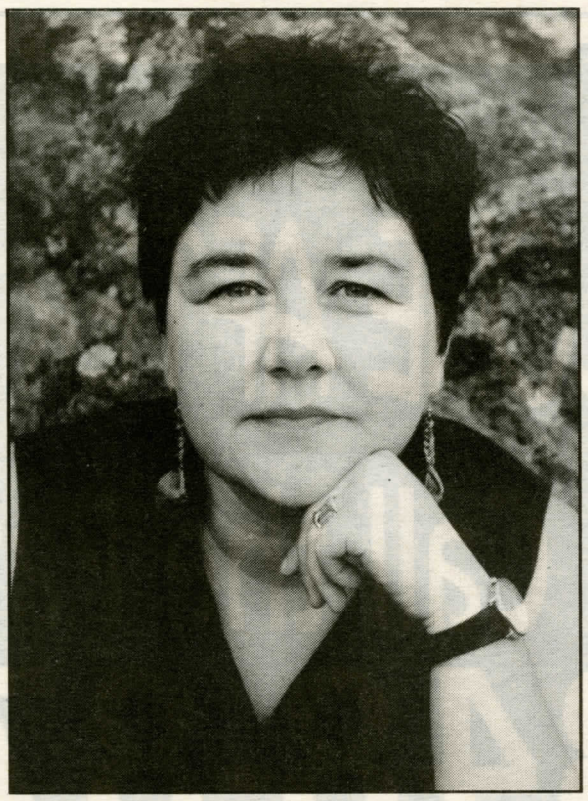
Newfoundland filmmaker **Gerry Rogers**, seated around the glitz and gloss of the Montreal Film Festival last week, admits her video isn't beautiful, won't make you feel good and doesn't have any innovative camera work in it. Last year, she and a small crew filmed the testimonies of women from around the world who attended the Global Tribunal on the Violations of Women's Human Rights. In the *Vienna Tribunal* Rogers allowed their horrifying stories to be documented without any distractions or frills.

"They took us to a room with military medical officers..they beat us...then they raped me, my bottom was ripped and bleeding," testifies Bok Dong, a South Korean woman forced into prostitution under the Japanese government.

The women describe the worst sorts of human rights abuses imaginable, from the stoning death of an Iranian woman in Iran to the murder and rape of women in the former Yugoslavia.

"The more I worked with the testimonies, it became clear that that was the backbone of the film," Rogers said. "We wanted to protect the integrity and simplicity of the women's stories...what was important was the women standing up and witnessing and testifying."

Mixed in unobtrusively are interviews with human rights activists, footage behind the scenes at the conference and statements from the tribunal judges. But what lingers in the mind afterwards are the honest, bitter words of women who have had no respite from brutality. Watching the women speak freely gives the film a personal element, and magnifies the commonness of the crimes committed against women.



The Vienna Tribunal Producer/Director Jerry Rogers

Rogers confides that she wasn't sure she wanted to do the video, originally only having agreed to film the tribunal. Her previous films include *After the Montreal Massacre* (1990), and the critically acclaimed 1987 documentary on incest, *To a Safer Place*.

"It seems like I'm constantly bringing bad news...but I was so moved when I saw and heard these women that I thought it was so important for the world to see," Rogers said.

Woven into the video is a haunting soundtrack, composed by Sandy Morris. Again sticking to a style which does not hinder the testimonies, the music is simply a layering of women's voices, chanting and humming in a style without definite ethnic origin. Rogers said she and Morris wanted nothing that would push emotions—the testimonies do that already.

The *Vienna Tribunal* ends with the news that the United Nations has started to react towards violence against women. Next year the United Nations will be holding its Conference of Women in Beijing, China. Will Rogers go?

"Now I really think I might like to go, even though there were times where it was really hard working on the *Tribunal*."

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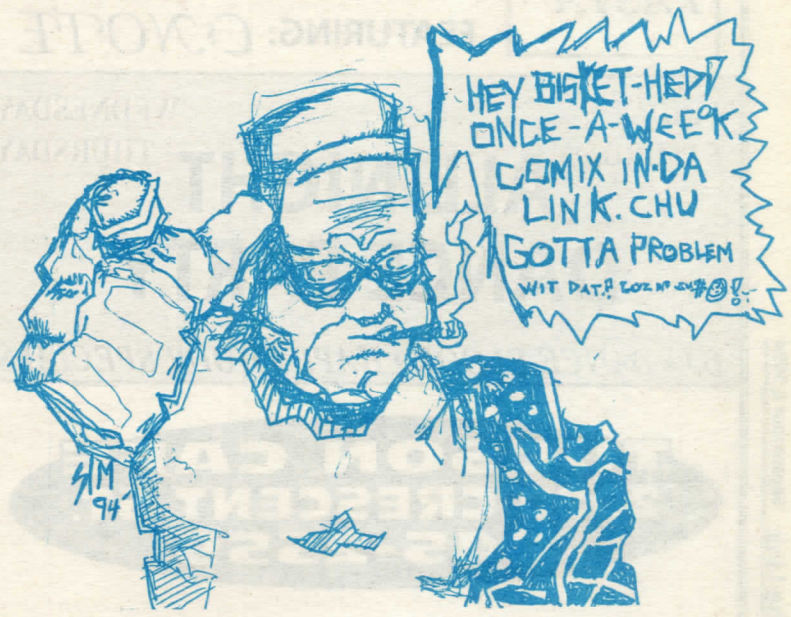

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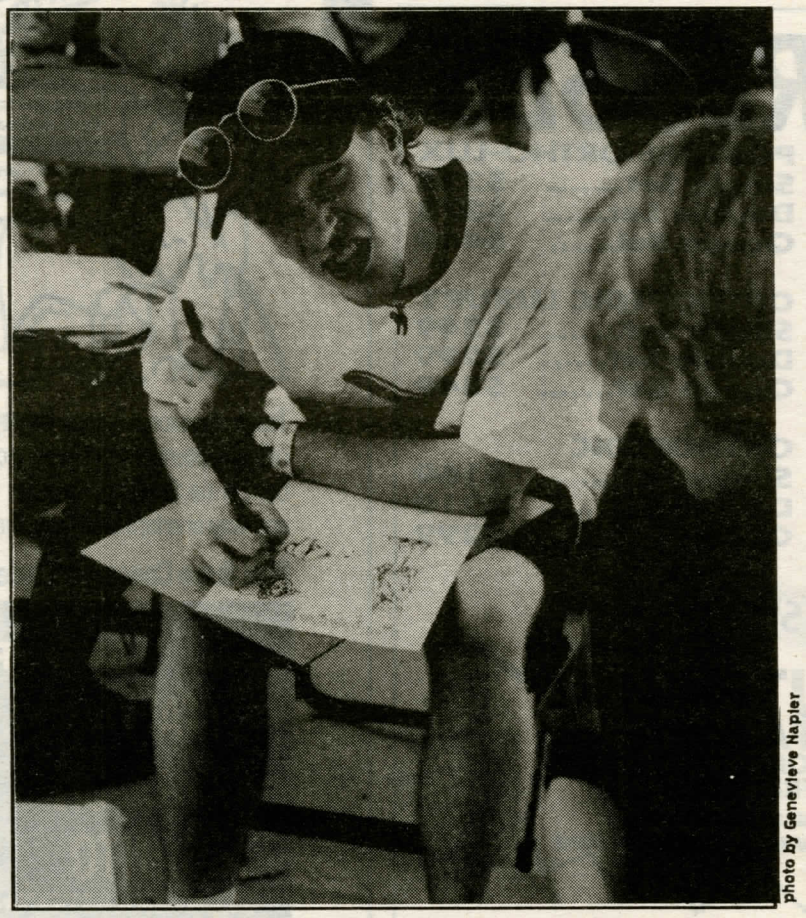
It's not a bird, it's...

by Jon Richler

So the buzz this summer was, "support local music!" Now, I agree wholeheartedly with this statement, but there is a lot more happening out there in our zone than just great (and not so great) music. Since this is not a tourism pamphlet, I will focus on just one or two of these for this segment.

Lets talk comics. There have been gatherings in the past year of comic artists, musicians and performance artists at Comic Jams, headed by **Rupert Bottenberg** and located at Stornaway Gallery. The comic jam principle is to get the artists to create an interactive comic, wherin each artist draws a page, or a panel, of one story as it is passed to them. All drawings are done on the spot, the goal to produce comics drawn by more than one artist, and later compile them into books to be sold at local book stores. This was attempted in the early 80's in both Vancouver and Montreal. The idea is spreading south of the border, as a Bostonian was present at one of the jams a few months back, and exported idea stateside.



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Local artist/comic jam innovator Rupert Bottenberg

"He was so impressed, that he started his own Jam," Rupert explained, "and we're working together now, to set up a big jam in New York's Alleged Gallery. We could publish a really excellent comic book then, and actually make some headway."

Bottenberg and his crack team of visionaries were assembled at Lollapalooza, on the second stage perimeter, above the local painters and that finger piano entrepeneur-type-guy. They had to pay for this privilege, as did the painters and jewelry makers who wanted to sell their wares. A co-op was arranged for the table, since on display was the most recently published material by local comic artists **Mitch Szczerbowski**, and **Phil Psorakis** (who stated he owed his life to Rupert...). **Howard Chackowicz**, for example, has been in print for four years, appearing in **Dennis Icorns**' "Real Stuff", and "Real Smut", published by Fantagraphics in Seattle. While on the topic of that fashionable city, **Julie Doucet**, a local artist, has recently moved back to our city. You can catch her work in "Dirty Plotte". For all of you anglos who aren't sure what *plotte* is, ask a franco, but ask nicely.

The next Jam takes place at the new three-floor Stornaway Gallery, hopefully one that is less likely to burn down at the drop of a cooling match. **Jackalope** and the **K-Tells** will be tearing up the stage on the top floor, while the Jam is spread on the second floor. Down below, performance art will take place, featuring the **Star Wars Theatre**, among others.

Next Comic Jam takes place October 7, at Stornaway Gallery, 1407 St. Alexandre, by Place Des Arts.

Ferocious Latex Party... and we don't mean Catwoman..

September 6th marked the first event for Peer Health Edeucators of Con.U. Organized by David King, Wolfgang Vachon, Kate Hubband, Evelyn Perry and Bernadette. This benefit for Cactus, a local community organiztation (free condoms, bleach and syringes)came in the form of two plays: Wizard of Sex and Harass your Pants Off. Vachon as Dorothy in the Wizard of Sex (below), David King and Vachon:Mouths open for a good cause (bottom right)

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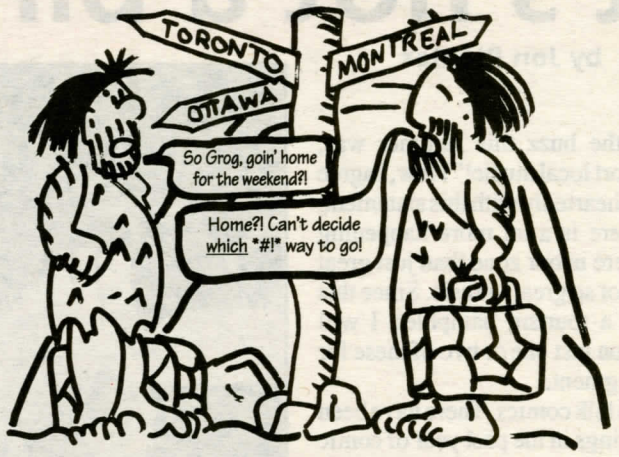

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sun shining
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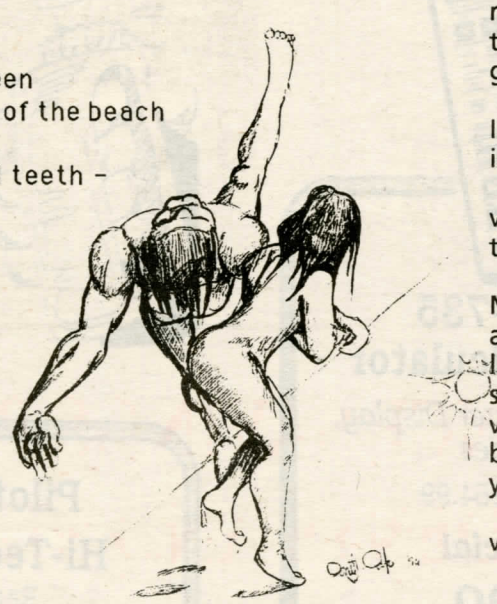
the white sand
(these images
migrate
like silver laminated sea birds
in my mind)
Bright new shores!

and when will we walk
our dark ankles
feeble feeling
weakly the hot grains -

all this I imagine
in a grainy haze
a deepening sea
swelling around this caravel -

and there may be
an angry jungle
black and green
snarling curling over the edge of the beach
and it may hide
one thousand teeth -

but then at least
we will be wrestling,
warring
with sinews or machetes -
better than this baking
in a maddening plain
of waves and hot sun
and the threat of storms
under which we are helpless



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fruits begin in spring, and ripen
in the swelling summer sun,
then cease, but silently; and in the space
between the ceasing and beginning
explode upon the tongue,
bursting juicily on sweetened lips

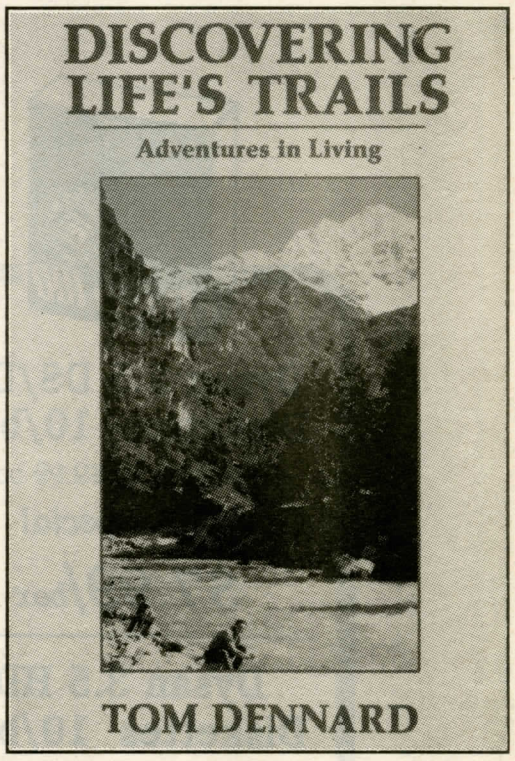
Beginning is a cataclysmic thing,
thin and crackling, splitting
buds and crackling bulbs,
splintering the ice that winter brings;
and with a snap things cease, but slide away,
disintegrating pregnantly,
submerging seeds in sleeping soil

this hand upon this page-
these are hard actions,
harsh, and full of bones,
of endings and commencements,
with heavy feet; they cease
forgetful of beginnings, thrown
from chasms between seasons

things cease, and things begin-
I savour, in between, the shard of time that tastes
the sugary remains and secret seeds
that spring and circle round a sensual soul.

Trails Trails Trails Trails

by Ingrid Hein



Dear Tom,
Since I was at your Hostel in Georgia, I have repeatedly told tales of playing pool and drinking at the Juke Joint while chomping on fried chicken. I cannot stop talking about the incredible spiritual feeling I got from being fortunate enough to attend the community's Baptist church, and hearing the incredible voices of the church choir . Brunswick, Georgia is truly a magical place, and for a Canadian traveller, it would have been impossible to feel the down home spirit of the south without staying at the Hostel in the Woods.

As a traveller, it's often hard to get a real feeling for what life's really like for the people who live there. It's difficult to get out of the tourist traps.

However, as you describe in your book *Discovering Life's Trails*, it's not impossible. In fact, from reading about the trials you have overcome, it seems that almost anything is possible.

Your book does not have a beginning, middle, and ending. It's not a great piece of work in the literary world; rather, it is a travelog which inspires the reader to travel, to gain a better understanding of other cultures.

I found this particularly true of your writings on your trek in the Khumbu region near Mount Everest, and your visit to Kenya where you learned about the lives of the Luo and the Masai. Your account of these experiences allows the reader to understand the lives of those people in a way which history books and anthropologists cannot. But you still include passages which explain the history and traditions of the people. I find that writing of this sort can sometimes teach more about a culture that a lot of history books can. As a tourist and not a missionary, your effect on the people is subtle, and you don't deny being subjective in your opinions.

In Chapter Seven, titled the Luo and the Masai, you write about your conversation with one Masai:

...Linus told me that when a baby is born, all men have to leave the village. The older women act as a midwife. They make a tea from the bark of this tree and mix it with animal fat. It takes away any soreness or pain. "That is some bad stuff to have to drink," he complained. "Man, it is bitter."

"Is there any kind of celebration for the newborn?"

"Oh, yes. all of the villagers stand around in a circle. The mother brings the baby out, and it is passed around for each person to hold and we all spit in its mouth."

"Spit in the baby's mouth?" I tried not to act too surprised.

"It gives the baby the immunities it needs to survive."...

At the end of the chapter, you explain the plane taking off as both the Luo and Masai --sworn enemies-- that you met, are standing on the runway watching you go.

...The plane gained altitude and the two of them became smaller and smaller. My thoughts were that their ancestors could not have talked with each other and their encounters would have been only with spears. Though there was still a chasm separating Steven and Linus, at least they were talking. Perhaps their children would do even better...

In much the same way, I learned from the Hostel in the woods that the blacks and whites of Brunswick, Georgia have learned to appreciate one another. The subtle integration of two cultures is evident there. The minister of the church welcomed the hostelers to Sunday morning sermon, much like the hostelers invited neighbors to dinner and a party on Sunday afternoon. Everyone saying afterwards "Y'all come back now ya hear?" There is much to be learned from travelling, and your book exemplifies that.

Thank-you for your hospitality, and the knowledge from your book. There is much to be said about discovering life's trails.

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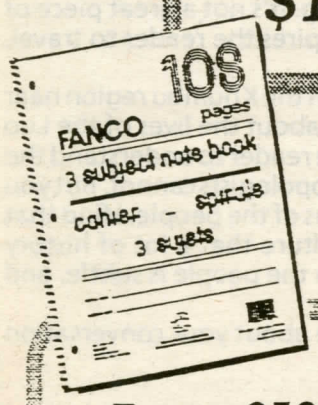

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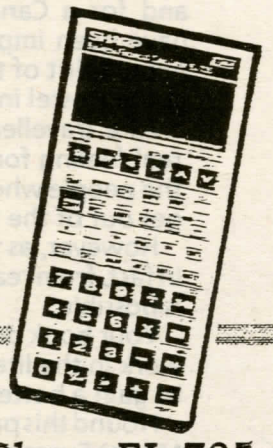

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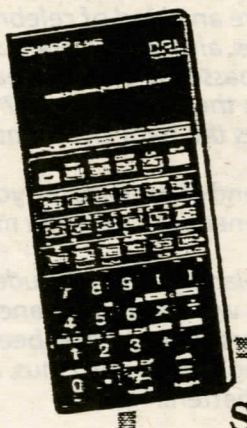

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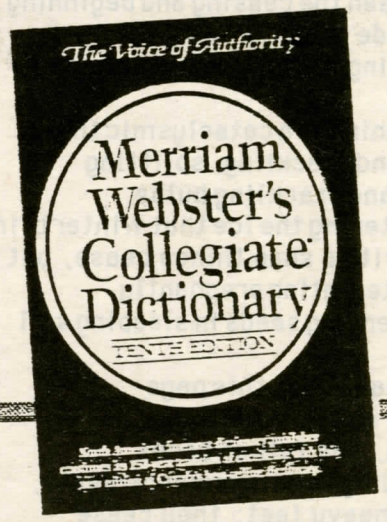

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Let's Talk Sports Complex . . . Once Again

by Marie-Chantal Cote

If you think last year's project to build the new sports complex was killed after its defeat in the referendum, think again. The project is still alive and the sports committee is ready for its second step: a sample survey attempting to assess students' interest in the facility.

The sports committee, which includes representatives of the administration, the sports department, and the student unions, has met several times this summer and has concluded that a sample survey is necessary.

The administration, which spent an approximate total of $20,000 last year with the referendum campaign and all the costs that it incurred, is ready to once again distribute some extra dollars to find out students' opinion. "I think too much money was spent on the referendum but I think that this survey is absolutely necessary," said Daniel Leibu, president of ECA.

The cost of this survey has not yet been determined but Dr. Donald Boisvert, an associate vice-rector, pointed out that "it won't cost what it cost last year."

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The survey, which will likely be conducted in October, will indicate if "the student body still wants a sports complex and at what price," explained the director of athletics and recreation, Harry Zarins.

The queationnaire will poll an important part of the student body, although the exact number hasn't yet been determined, and will focus on certain points which the committee feels might have influenced last year's vote.

"We're trying to assess why the project failed," explained Leibu.

The financing of the costly project remains its most important obstacle, and through this survey, the committee hopes to determine how much students are willing to pay. In addition, the survey will also try to identify which parts of the complex are considered necessary by the students.

The committee also wants to know if a facility is required on the Sir George Williams campus. As it was proposed last year, the complex would have replaced both gyms. However, growing interest by students has led the department to believe that a fitness center, restricted to a weight room and aerobics classes, might also be required downtown.

Last year, the athletics department presented a project worth $30 million which included an ultra-sophisticated aquatics centre, a triple gymnasium and a new astro turf. Students were asked to pay half of the bill which was estimated at $2.50 to $4.00 per credit for the first five years and $4.00 to $6.00 per credit for the next five. It came down to about $120 per student for the next ten years. The project was defeated not only because most people voted "no", but mostly because the 7500 votes quorum was not reached.

If students clearly show that they are interested in the project, another "costly" referendum will take place in January. In this referendum, the department of athletics and recreation will most likely present a similar project.

"The changes that one can expect are in the type of funding formula in terms of the fee per credit," said Zarins. He explained that the figures presented will be a lot more concrete than they were in the last referendum.

If the survey shows that students don't want a new luxurious sports complex, the athletics department will likely consider other options."I would hope that we would look at other proposals," concluded Zarins.

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would reinstate Bill 101, the controversial law which was amended by the Liberal government.

Bill 86 allows children of English Canadian parents to attend English schools if they so desire, but still prevents foreign immigrants from accessing them. A reinstated Bill 101 would be a step backward, putting an end to freedom of choice for English Canadians too.

"Every single English immigrant who comes to Quebec must send their kids to French school. This is discrimination. The parents should have the right to choose," Brent Tyler of the Equality Party said. He is running in Westmount-St.Louis which includes Concordia and McGill universities.

Normandin of the PQ, however, stands by his party.

"We're the only province in North America with a predominantly French population. It's important to maintain French in Quebec," he said.

Incumbent Minister of Education, Liberal Jacques Chagnon, running in Westmount-St.Louis, believes the issue of Quebec independence to be of crucial importance to the educational system.

"There are many questions that the Parti Québecois has not addressed. For example, what would happen to federal subsidies if Quebec separated?"

Likewise, Chagnon believes a P.Q. victory would undermine Quebec's economy, not a healthy prospect for graduating students looking for work.

But Modro considers both the language and the separatism questions to be non-issues.

"Student poverty is shared by both French and English. They both have the same financial difficulties. Parties should be addressing access to education," she said.

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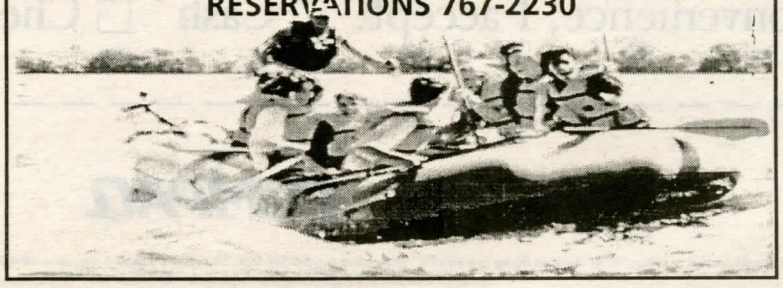

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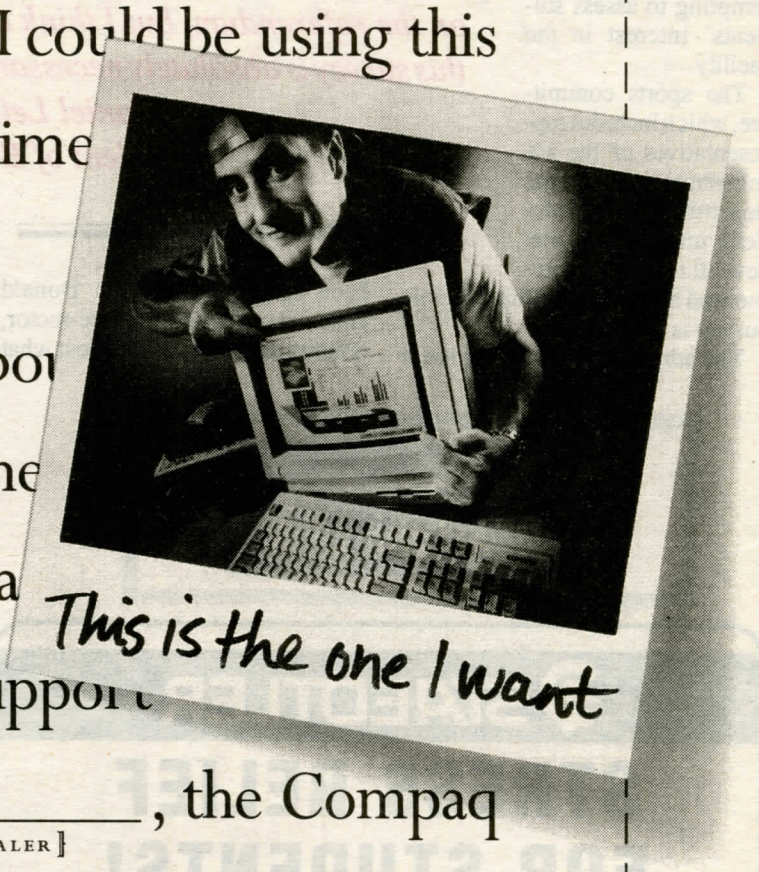

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Football Season '94

Final tune-up before regular season

by Danny Chan

Stingers quarterback Dominik Goulet's passing proficiency keyed two fourth-quarter touchdowns to help Concordia defeat the University of Waterloo Warriors 21-17.

"Dominik played very well; there's no question about that. One of the things that he does very well: by not being the starter he has the opportunity to be there and to see the defences and to study them," said Stingers head coach Pat Sheahan. "When we let him in, he was very in tune with what they (Waterloo's defence) were doing and what to take advantage of."

Concordia, who lost 20-7 to the York Yeomen the previous weekend, overcame a 17-4 deficit to even their preseason record at 1-1. Goulet finished the game by hitting his receivers 10 of 11 times. The second-year pivot launched the Stingers' aerial attack by throwing four straight completions for 73 yards in a 77-yard drive during the fourth quarter. Fullback Farell Duclair's 2-yard touchdown run capped the drive to pull Concordia within seven of York.

After a field goal by kicker Dimitrios Manolopoulos made the score 17-14 Warriors, Stinger defensive tackle Paul Eyles recovered a fumble in his own end with under two minutes left in the game. Then Goulet began his second major drive of the game, highlighted by a 37-yard pass that culminated with a 15-yard TD strike to André Bolduc that gave Concordia the 21-17 win.

The Stingers relied on their ground attack for much of the early going. While starting QB Dennis Pitselis (4-for-8, just 14 yards) and Goulet struggled, the rest of backfield came through. Halfback Kevin Norris rushed for a pair of first downs during the first quarter and Duclair (115 yards on 17 carries, 1 TD) supplied seemingly all the Concordia offence before Goulet found his throwing touch in the fourth quarter.

"We have Farell and Kevin: good, experienced kids. They know the offence and they're just starting to come into their own," said Sheahan.

Manolopoulos kicked a pair of field goals and a pair of conversions while Bolduc had eight catches for 141 yards and a TD.

Saturday, in the season opener the Stingers will host the revamped Bishop's Gaiters, 1993's regular-season champions, but a team with many new starters in '94.

"They've described it as a transition year. I think they're going to be a little better than that. We anticipate them being better than just a transition year," Sheahan said.

photo by Phil Carpenter

Fullback Dio Mastrodomenico (#21) clears the way for halfback Kevin Norris (#32) in Concordia's 21-17 win over Waterloo last Saturday,

Challenging season ahead for Stingers

by Frank Ivancic

When Concordia lost to the Toronto Varsity Blues in the national semi-final last season, more than a few people were surprised that the Stingers had made it that far.

This year the Stingers are out to prove that last season's performance was no fluke and that the team can do even better.

It won't be easy, though.

They will have to square-off against some tough teams, starting with the visiting Bishop's Gaiters this Saturday, and continue to win the close games as they did in 1993.

Some key veterans such as Paul Chesser, James Monroe and Fred Marquette will be missed but the team has recruited with their loss in mind.

"Some of the kids have graduated and their emotional contribution is going to be missed." Pat Sheahan, who is in his sixth year as the Stingers head coach, said, "Each year you're going to have some attrition and some attrition is positive."

Last year, finishing the season with a 4-3 record, Concordia defeated McGill, 34-30, and Bishop's, 10-7, to capture its first Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference championship since 1982.

With the home opener only two days away, Sheahan and his coaching staff still have some questions to answer.

Veteran Dennis Pitselis, who is regarded as the number one quarterback on the team, has been sluggish in the preseason while his backup, Dominik Goulet has had an impressive camp.

"We just need our starting quarterback to come out and play well on Saturday." Concordia offensive coordinator Gerry McGrath said.

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